

## What is Claimed is:

- [c1] A method of transferring information about a user of a responsive object to that responsive object, comprising:
- storing information about the user in a physically manipulatable device;
  - providing a manipulative user interface between the responsive device and the physically manipulative device;
  - physically manipulating the physically manipulatable device to communicate at least some of the stored information about the user to the responsive device.
- [c2] The method of claim 1, further comprising transferring information contained in the responsive device back to the physically manipulatable device.
- [c3] A method of communicating with a responsive device using a reified device having a manipulatable user interface, comprising:
- placing the reified device in communication relationship with responsive device; and
  - physically manipulating the reified device to communicate information to or from the responsive device.
- [c4] The method of claim 3, further comprising placing a physical object on the reified device to physically manipulate the reified device.
- [c5] The method of claim 3, wherein the method of communicating comprises logging onto the computer.
- [c6] A reified device for interfacing and communicating with a computer, comprising a physical representation of a user of the responsive device; the physical representation comprising:
- a manipulatable user interface to communicate with the responsive device; and
  - one or more physically manipulatable element, the one or more physically manipulatable elements capable of activating the user manipulatable interface to communicate with the responsive device.
- [c7] The reified device of claim 6, wherein the reified device is in the form of an

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